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October 2, 1997

Office of the Secretary
CC Docket No. 96-45
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Certification for Universal Service Fund Support

Dear Sir:

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations require that a Rural Telephone Company qualify as a Rural Telephone Company as defined by the act in order to receive Universal Service Fund support, accordingly Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc., by this letter and attached affirmation, is notifying the Federal Communications Commission, and in turn the Wyoming Public Service Commission, that it is a Rural Telephone Company as defined by the act and implementing regulations.

A Rural Telephone Company is defined in 47 C.F.R. Section 51.5 as follows:

Rural Telephone Company. A "Rural Telephone Company" is a LEC operating entity to the extent that such entity:

1. Provides common carrier service to any local exchange carrier study area that does not include either:

(I) Any incorporated place of 10,000 inhabitants or more, or any part thereof, based on the most recently available population statistics of the Bureau of the Census; or

(II) Any territory, incorporated or unincorporated, included in an urbanized area, as defined by the Bureau of the Census as of August 10, 1993.

2. Provides telephone exchange service, including exchange access, to fewer than 50,000 access lines;

3. Provides telephone exchange service to any local exchange carrier study area with fewer than 100,000 access lines; or

4. Has less than 15% of its access lines in communities of more than 50,000 on February 8, 1996.

Consistent with the definition of a Rural Telephone Company as established in the code of Federal Regulations, Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc., certifies by this correspondence and attached affirmation that it is a Rural Telephone Company as defined by the Regulation, 47 C.F.R. Section 51.5, and that it meets at least one of the four criteria identified in the regulation. Specifically, as Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc., provides telephone exchange service to access lines in rural Wyoming, and to incorporated places with not more than 10,000 inhabitants, the company meets the criteria established in 1 through 4 as referenced above. Therefore, Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc., should be considered a Rural Telephone Company as defined in the Act and implementing regulations.

Sincerely,

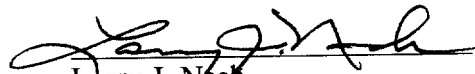
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Larry J. Nash
General Manager

AFFIRMATION

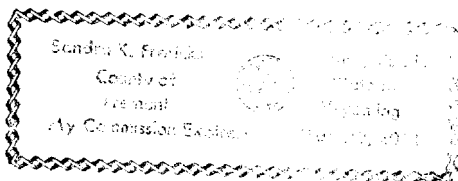
Larry J. Nash, being first duly sworn and upon his oath, states that he is the General Manager of Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc. and that he is authorized to execute this affirmation of behalf of Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc.; that the facts set forth in the attached correspondence of even date are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, such that the company is a Rural Telephone Company as defined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1997


Larry J. Nash
General Manager

STATE OF WYOMING)
 :SS
COUNTY OF FREMONT)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 28th DAY OF
October, 1997.




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